

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Qualified Educator in Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**  
**Vermont Technical College, Morey Lounge**  
**February 13, 2008**

**A G E N D A**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Call to Order <b>1 (A)</b> Approval of Minutes – <b>January 22, 2008</b> Correspondence/Announcements Board Member Updates <b>2 (A)</b> Staff Report Agenda Preview	Action
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Committee Work</b>  <u><b>Administrator/Teacher Relicensing Committee</b></u> <b>3 (ARC/TRC)</b> Revised Policies C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 and I <b>4 (ARC/TRC)</b> Draft Policy on Recency of Study	Discussion Discussion
	<u><b>Higher Education Committee</b></u> <b>5 (HE)</b> Policy on Student Teaching / Practicum Requirements for Multiple Initial Endorsements <b>6 (HE)</b> Policy on Student Teaching / Practicum Requirements for Multi-Level Single Endorsement <b>7 (HE)</b> Policy On Approval of Post-Bac. / Non-Degree Graduate Level Educator Prep. Prog. <b>8 (HE)</b> Policy On Appointment of Teams To Evaluate Educator Prep. Prog./ Alt. Routes	Vote Vote Discussion Discussion
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Continue Committee work</b>  <u><b>Higher Education Committee</b></u> <b>9 (HE)</b> Lyndon State College PETE Program Update <b>10 (HE)</b> Castleton State College New Program Review, Report and Rejoinder	Discussion Vote
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>11 (A)</b> Code of Ethics, Second Draft B. Gross, Assistant Director EQT Mark Oettinger, Esq., DOE General Counsel	Discussion
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>12 (A)</b> Vermont's Relicensure Process	Discussion
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>13 (A)</b> Transformation in Education	Discussion
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Praxis Waiver Request – follow up	Discussion/Vote
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Committee Reports and Motions</b>	Action on Recommendations
4:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

*\*The action listed next to each agenda item represents the intent of the Standards Board at the time the agenda is printed. It is possible that action may or may not be taken on any item listed on the agenda.*

## **Items Discussed/Approved at February 14, 2008 VSBPE Meeting**

<b>Discussed – Praxis I Waiver Request – follow up.....</b>	<b>pg. 1</b>
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**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

February 14, 2008

Dewey Lounge, VT College, Montpelier

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Bruce Richardson, Dolly Corkins, Sheryl Aliquo, Judith Jones, Janet Steward, Russell Agne.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ronald Stahley, Stephanie Taylor, Kathy Finck, Cassandra Major, Susan Jensen.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Marilyn Richardson, Mark Oettinger, Rebecca Otis.

**VISITORS/OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom James, Chair SBE; Sherry Gile, VT NEA.

**CALL TO ORDER:** B. Howe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed T. James to the meeting. T. James spoke to the Board about next weeks' SBE meeting and their discussion on the Transformation in Education.

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was neither correspondence nor any announcements.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

There were no Board Member updates.

**STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team**

There were no additional comments on the Staff Report.

The Board broke for committee work at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Now that a quorum was present, the Board began their work that required motions.

**Praxis Waiver Request – follow up**

B. Howe asked M. Oettinger to give a brief background and update on the Praxis I waiver requests.

R. Agne moved that the VSBPE enter into Executive Session at 12:44 p.m. The Board invited M. Cambra, B. Gross and M. Oettinger into Executive Session as staff and counsel. J. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

The Board exited Executive Session at 1:15 p.m., no action was taken.

**Based upon the evidence submitted and in accordance with VSBPE guidelines dated October 28, 2005, J. Steward moved that the VSBPE grant the applicant KR a waiver of Praxis I, and be issued an educator's license limited to the Austine School with an**

**endorsement in Business Administration for grades 7-12. Counsel is directed to draft a written opinion for approval by the VSBPE by electronic means. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.**

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting.

B. Richardson **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting.**  
H. McCollum seconded. **Motion passed.** J. Steward abstained.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrator & Teacher Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins reporting**

D. Corkins stated that the committee worked on the Policy Manual, specifically Policies C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 and I, as well as the Policy on Recency of Study. However, the Committee did not have enough members present to make a recommendation to the full Board. These will be brought to the Board at the next meeting for a vote.

### **Higher Education Committee – H. McCollum reporting**

H. McCollum informed the Board of the committee's discussion on policies N11 and N12. These policies both clarify the wording on practicum requirements for student teaching, whether multi level initial endorsement, or two endorsements initially.

H. McCollum **moved that the VSBPE adopt the *Policy on Student Teaching and Practicum Requirements for Multiple Initial Endorsements Code: SB/N11 and the Policy on Student Teaching and Practicum Requirements for Multi-Level Single Endorsement Code: SB/N12.***  
S. Aliquo seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Code of Ethics Draft – B. Gross Mark Oettinger, Esq., DOE General Counsel**

B. Gross reviewed the documents that were mailed to Board members. Changes were made to the document in accordance with the Board's comments at the January 2008 meeting.

M. Oettinger gave a brief background on the changes that were incorporated into the document.

H. McCollum asked what the difference between unprofessional and unethical conduct is.

M. Oettinger responded that the language in the COE comes directly from Act 214 section 1698. In the statute, the two grounds for licensing action are unprofessional conduct and incompetence. The term unethical is not used in Act 214. Therefore the COE does not include that language.

J. Jones asked about Principle III section B. This seems to be an unnecessary restrictive phrase.

M. Oettinger gave an example of when this would be relevant.

J. Jones asked if under Principle II section D, the words "or bullying" should be inserted.

The Board discussed this option and decided it would be best not to insert the word bullying into the document.

J. Steward discussed the wording in Principle VIII section C "the abandonment of a classroom".

The Board discussed the statement, "the abandonment of a classroom or". It was decided that the phrase shall be struck.

J. Jones noted that throughout the document the word “and” appears at the end of all the principles. The Board agreed by consensus that the word “and” at the end of a statement, shall be struck and replaced with the word “or”.

R. Agne stated that the wording in Principle X section B, “taking inappropriate pictures (digital, photographic or video) of colleagues.” should be struck.

The Board agreed that the words “taking, sharing or disseminating” shall be inserted into this statement.

The Board discussed what the next steps for this document should be. M. Oettinger stated that this document should become a regulation.

B. Howe summarized that once today’s changes have been inserted, the document will be sent to stakeholder groups.

D. Corkins **moved that the VSBPE disseminate the Code of Ethics document to the field for comment.** S. Aliquo seconded. **Motion passed.**

The Board agreed to have comments submitted to them by May 1, 2008.

### **Transformation in Education**

The Board discussed the upcoming SBE meeting and which VSBPE members will be present. They also discussed the different information that members will be sharing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:22 p.m.

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Rebecca Otis, Administrative Assistant

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Brian Howe, Chair